

FISCAL NOTE - CAPTION BILL

HB 163 - SB 1214

March 24, 2000

CAPTION BILL: Fiscal note reflects amendment filed to lift bill from House Clerk's desk (011851).

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that counties with a metropolitan form of government are empowered to implement the provisions of the *Tennessee Blasting Standards Act* or its equivalent if approved by two-thirds vote of the county legislative body. Specifies that such county must meet state reporting requirements, have program standards at least as stringent as those of state law and regulations, have adequate staffing and resources to implement the program, and have a seismograph machine and equipment. Provides that the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance can oversee and evaluate the local program and set any other fiscal or administrative requirements necessary. Authorizes such county choosing to implement these provisions to set and collect fees for permits.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenues - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant / Permissive
Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant / Permissive

Estimate assumes:

- to the extent an eligible county chooses to implement these provisions, they will experience an increase in expenditures for the costs associated with operating a blasting standards program including the purchase of necessary equipment. The costs of such equipment will be offset by an increase in revenues from permit fees as provided in the act.
- the state will experience a decrease in revenues from lost permit fees from any eligible county choosing to implement a local blasting standards program.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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